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July 29, 2011

**VIA ELECTRONIC FILING**

Honorable J. Michelle Childs  
US District Judge  
300 East Washington Street  
Greenville, SC 29601

Re: Beverly Mott and Nora Lemons  
vs. KIA Motors America, Inc.  
and KIA Motors Corporation  
C/A # 4:09-CV-02736-JMC-  
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Our Files # 2009158K &  
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Dear Judge Childs:

The Defendants have filed a Motion for Summary Judgment and a Motion *In Limine* regarding the deposition testimony of James Middleton, the Plaintiffs' engineering expert.

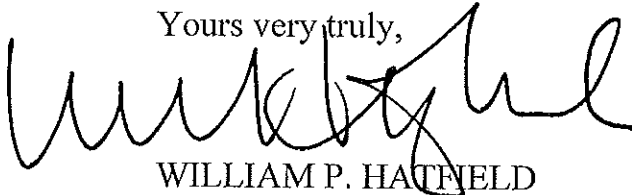
Subsequent to Mr. Middleton's deposition, we were made aware of additional evidence consisting of a repair order from the KIA dealership which had performed repairs on Mrs. Mott's KIA Sportage vehicle which proved to be inconsistent with earlier evidence obtained by Mr. Middleton in which he used to base his opinion of a positive defect in the manufacturing process as accounting for the sudden acceleration event.

Having made this additional information available to Mr. Middleton, he has stated that he can no longer defend the opinions set forth in a deposition previously given and for that reason, the Plaintiffs will not file a memorandum in opposition to the Defendants' motion.

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With kindest regards, I am

Yours very truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'William P. Hatfield', written over the typed name.

WILLIAM P. HATFIELD

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Ms. Nora Lemons